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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AT THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS<sup>1</sup>

A WHOLE generation has passed away since the International Medical Congress last met in London.

What a magnificent galaxy of talent in medicine, surgery, and pathology was gathered round the Prince of Wales, who was our royal patron at that time!

It is fitting that we should follow the admonition of Ecclesiasticus and praise famous men and the fathers that begat us. Our president, Sir James Paget, was a great clinical pathologist. His mind was stored with all that was then known of the morbid anatomy of surgical disease and injury, and of the family relationships of the different diatheses. He was a splendid teacher and possessed a lucid eloquence and a moral fervor not excelled by any of his contemporaries. Jenner and Gull, Wilks and Gairdner were our great teachers of clinical medicine. Each of them based his knowledge on the same foundation of the post-mortem room and the hospital wards. We shall not see their like again, for their careers began before the days of specialization, and they were amongst the last of the great general physicians of our time. Hughlings Jackson was the philosophical exponent of the new neurology. Many of his forecasts were verified by the experiments of David Ferrier, of which I may say there was a remarkable demonstration at the 1881 congress. Jonathan Hutchinson was the patient accurate recorder of the natural history of disease in multitudinous

<sup>1</sup> Given by Sir Thomas Barlow, Bart., M.D., F.R.S., at the opening meeting in the Albert Hall, London, on August 6.